

Board office and very seldom, even though the law says that it shall be accompanied by \$1, the \$1 is not there, so this is the trail that it has to follow and in so doing we spend about \$10 to collect this \$1. The application is not sent to the Director. If comes directly to the office of the Power Review Board. Then the Secretary that serves in that Department must write back to the power entity that is asking for a recording of this paper and asks them to submit their \$1 that they haven't submitted. Then the power entity must take their time to write a check, mail it back to the Power Review Board, then he, after getting that, asks his secretary to take it down to the Department of Water Resources. Then that secretary must make a receipt, send the receipt back to the power entity that they have sent their \$1. Then she has to make the check ready for a deposit, but she can't make the deposit because the Water Resources takes care of the bookkeeping work. So she then has to get it ready for a deposit, then she takes it down to the Water Resources Department. Then they have to prepare it for a deposit and take it to the State Treasurer. They have to come over here to deposit that, that is over to the Power Review Board. Then they have to take the receipt book back to the Department of Water Resources. The Water Resources then in turn takes the book back to the office of the Power Review Board. This is about a \$10 expenditure of time and letters and postage stamps and whatnot to collect the \$1. What we're doing in this bill is just to eliminate the \$1, save \$9. I ask for the advancement of the bill. If we could do this all the way through government clear up to the federal, we'd have a lot of money left over.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Any other discussion? The question is the advance of LB 773. If there is no other discussion all those in favor of advancing LB 773 to E & R for Initial vote aye. Opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: LB 773 is advanced to E & R Initial. Next bill on consent calendar is LB 845.

CLERK: (Read title to LB 845.) The bill was read on January 16th of this year. It was referred to the Public Works Committee. It was advanced to General Gile. There are no Committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, LB 845 merely permits or legalizes and permits a group of common carriers to get together for the purposes to come before the Public Service Commission to get an adjustment in their rates. What the bill proposes is nothing different than what they have done historically. It's no different, for example, than would be the case of a group of citizens having a common interest in legislation, getting together for a meeting to discuss it and that type of thing. The reason for the bill, however, is that apparently the federal Justice Department has decided somehow or other that this would be a violation of anti-trust legislation and in at least five states they have filed actions. Some nine states now have passed legislation similar to this in order to, at least in hopes to avoid any problems for the motor carriers to collectively discuss with one another the adjustment of rates. What it specifically would authorize a group